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UMC Announces Herschel Lysaker Endowment Fund

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has announced the establishment of the Herschel Lysaker Endowment Fund. The purpose of the endowment is to honor the legacy of longtime coach and athletic director, Herschel Lysaker, and to recognize the tremendous impact he had on student athletes at both the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and UMC. The fund will provide ongoing financial support for future generations of student athletes.

Lysaker joined the staff of the NWSA, UMC's predecessor, in 1944 where he served as athletic director, home projects supervisor, and coached both basketball and football. Lysaker served as UMC's athletic director from 1966 to 1976. In 1973, he was named assistant to the provost. After 32 years of dedication to the University, Lysaker retired in 1976.

In 1977, he was inducted into the Minnesota Football Hall of Fame, and in 1999, he was inducted into UMC's Athletic Hall of Fame. Lysaker served as honorary head coach for the UMC vs. Augustana football game in the fall of 2004. If you are interested in learning more about the endowment to honor the legacy of Herschel Lysaker, please contact Del Roelofs or the UMC Development Office at 218-281-8439.

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